## PRUCLAMATION

Designating 1966 as The Year Of The Bible is bouth Dakota in Recognition of the Bible Distribution and Reading Programs by the American Bible Society and Auxiliaries in this State in the 180 Years Since Founding of the American Bible Society.

WHEREAS, Bible distribution and reading have been encouraged in the State of South Dakota since the days of our earliest settlers through the efforts of the American Bible Society, state and local auxiliaries; and

WHEREAS, these activities contributed significantly to the cultural development and strength of our citizenry; and

MMEREAS, historic old Bibles are prized possessions of our State's archives as well as of hundreds of our families; and

WHEREAS, the American Bible Society, which was organized May 8, 1816, is celebrating in 1966 the 150th Anniversary of its founding by opening a new Bible House in New York City and increasing circulation of Holy Scriptures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NILS A. BOE, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby proclaim 1988 to be observed 4.5

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

in recognition of the 150 years of dedicated service rendered by the American Bible Society working through and with our citizens to "encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment," and I urge all of our citizens, consonant with their beliefs and free will, to participate in the anniversary.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed on this day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE